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FISHBED (MIG-21) IN FLIGHT
NORTH VIETNAM
2116N 10545E

1. SIGNIFICANCE:

THIS BRIEFING BOARD DEPICTS THE FIRST PHOTOGRAPHIC
CONFIRMATION OF MIG-21 (FISHBED D MODEL) AIRCRAFT IN NORTH
VIETNAM. IT IS ALSO THE FIRST TIME ANY MODEL OF MIG-21
AIRCRAFT IN NORTH VIETNAM HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED WITH ROCKET
PODS.

2. LOCATION:

TWO MIG-21 (FISHBED D MODEL) AIRCRAFT ARE OBSERVED
IN FLIGHT APPROXIMATELY 3.5 NM NORTHWEST OF PHUC YEN
AIRFIELD, NORTH VIETNAM. ONE FISHBED AIRCRAFT LOCATED AT
PHUC YEN AIRFIELD CAN NOT BE IDENTIFIED AS TO MODEL.

3. MISSION READOUT:

PHOTOGRAPHY FROM MISSION BLUE SPRINGS [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] REVEALS TWO MIG-21 (FISHBED D MODEL)
AIRCRAFT IN FLIGHT 3.5 NM NORTHWEST OF PHUC YEN AIRFIELD.
ONE MIG-21, OBSERVED AT 2116N 10545E, IS ARMED WITH TWO
AA-2 ATOLL (USSR K-13) AIR-TO-AIR MISSILES, AND THE SECOND
MIG-21, OBSERVED AT 2116N 10541E, IS ARMED WITH AT LEAST

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ONE UB-16-57 U ROCKET POD (THE EXISTENCE OF A SECOND POD CAN NOT BE CONFIRMED DUE TO PARTIAL PHOTOGRAPHIC COVERAGE). THE STAR AND BAR INSIGNIA IS NOTED ON THE SECOND AIRCRAFT.

DEPICTED ON THE GRAPHIC IS A FISHBED AIRCRAFT AT PHUC YEN AIRFIELD WHICH CAN NOT BE IDENTIFIED AS TO MODEL; HOWEVER, THE RIDGE WHICH RUNS ALONG THE TOP OF THE FUSELAGE FROM THE CANOPY TO THE VERTICAL STABILIZER, THE OVERALL LENGTH, AND THE GREATER DISTANCE BETWEEN THE CANOPY AND THE BEGINNING OF THE VERTICAL STABILIZER ARE SOME FEATURES WHICH DISTINGUISH THIS AIRCRAFT FROM THE FISHPOT MODEL. AN ADDITIONAL IDENTIFIABLE FEATURE IS THE MORE PRONOUNCED BLUNTNESS OF THE FISHBED WINGTIP, OBSERVED ON THIS AIRCRAFT, WITH A MORE POINTED WINGTIP ON THE FISHPOT.

4. REMARKS:

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THE FIRST PHOTOGRAPHIC CONFIRMATION OF FISHBED (MIG-21) AIRCRAFT IN NORTH VIETNAM WAS OBTAINED ON [REDACTED] PHOTOGRAPHY, AND THE FIRST IDENTIFICATION OF PROBABLE AAM'S ON AIRCRAFT IN NORTH VIETNAM WAS OBTAINED FROM PHOTOGRAPHY OF [REDACTED]

THE FISHBED D, AN AI RADAR EQUIPPED ALL-WEATHER INTERCEPTER, IS NOW ASSESSED TO HAVE A SECONDARY MISSION OF

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GROUND SUPPORT IN ADDITION TO ITS PRIMARY MISSION OF
MAINTAINING AIR SUPERIORITY WITH ITS TWO ATOLL MISSILES.
TWO 550-LB. BOMBS AND AN EXTERNAL FUEL TANK CAN BE CARRIED;
HOWEVER, THE NORMAL LOAD CONSISTS OF TWO AA-2 ATOLL OR
ALKALI INFRARED AIR-TO-AIR MISSILES OR TWO 16 SHOT UB-16-57 U
ROCKET PODS.

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COLLATERAL SOURCE: DOD. FTD. "FISHBED WEAPON SYSTEM",
TASK NR. A20902, 19 NOVEMBER 1965. SECRET [REDACTED]
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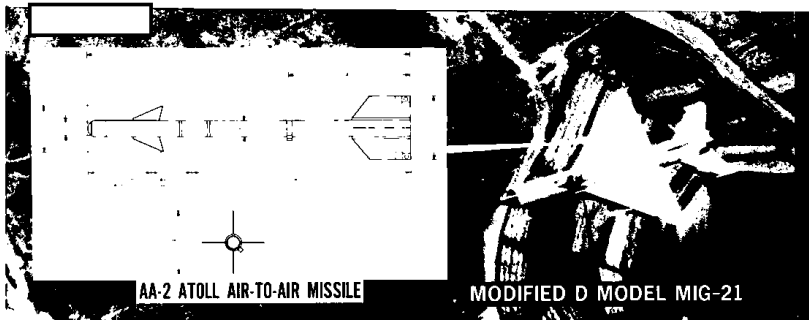
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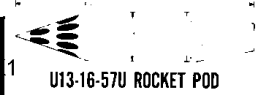


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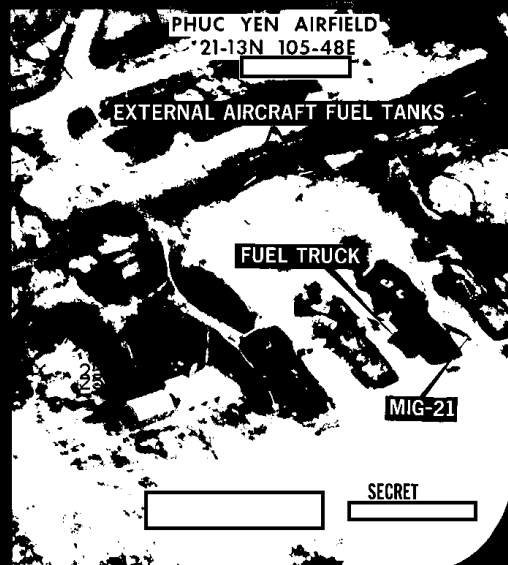
MODIFIED D MODEL MIG-21

21-16N 105-41E

STAR AND BAR
INSIGNIA



U13-16-57U ROCKET POD



PHUC YEN AIRFIELD
21-13N 105-48E

EXTERNAL AIRCRAFT FUEL TANKS

FUEL TRUCK

MIG-21

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